April 16, 2012

Letter of Appeal

Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit 30 Lanidex Plaza West PO Box 685 Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to appeal the denial of FCC Form 471 799090, Funding Year 2011.

Appellant

Contact Name:

Traci Pustejovsky

Address:

309 Avenue D

Telephone Number:

Penelope, Texas 76676 254-533-2215

Fax Number:

254-533-2262

E-Mail Address:

tpky@penelopeisd.org

Applicant Name:

Penelope Indep School District

Billed Entity Number:

141128

471 Application Number:

799090

FRN:

2222980, 2222991, 2223022, 2223032, 2223047

Explanation of Appeal:

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This application is for the funding of Telecommunications and Internet Access Services for Penelope ISD. It is our opinion that the denial should be reversed and the SLD should proceed with a complete review of the information submitted that is included in this appeal due to negligence by the E-Rate consultant that was under contract at the time, Beckham Consulting Services. Jon Slaughter, who is a convicted felon now serving a term in the federal penitentiary due to E-Rate fraud, was hired to file Penelope ISD's FCC Form 471 and Item 21 attachments for

this funding year. Mr. Slaughter corresponded with Penelope ISD on several occasions informing them that all the documentation was submitted and certified in a timely manner and there was nothing else for them to do. Unbeknownst to Penelope ISD, it was at this point that Mr. Slaughter was convicted of E-Rate fraud and incarcerated.

The district Technology Director, Traci Pustejovsky, was informed by Mr. Slaughter that the district's E-Rate application was handled and underway with USAC. Upon multiple attempts to reach Mr. Slaughter with no response, she decided to employ another E-Rate consultant to help her make sure everything was complete. ESC12E-Rate was hired and discovered the application was held up because the Item 21 Attachments had not been received by USAC. We have compiled the Item 21 Attachments for this application and we ask that the SLD review these Item 21 Attachments. We plead that the SLD rescind the denial of funding for 471 Application 799090 and grant the appeal based on the aforementioned challenges to which the district was victim of negligence and unavoidable circumstance. We further attest that there is no intention to defraud the system in any way by this appeal request.

FCC Decision:

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Conclusion:

This Form 471 Application should be funded because it is a request for eligible services and had it not been that the district fell victim to circumstances of negligence by their consultant, the Item 21 Attachments would have been submitted which would have allowed PIA to move forward with our funding. Since we have included the Item 21 Attachments requested within this appeal, we respectfully request an extension of the 15 day deadline and full consideration of our Item 21 Attachments. We believe the attached Item 21 Attachments will clarify all PIA questions. When USAC allows this appeal to be meritorious, Penelope ISD will be able to fulfill its commitment to its students for full, robust connectivity to global resources which would not be possible without E-Rate support.

Sincerely,

Ashley Brown

ESC Region 12 E-Rate

on behalf of Penelope Indep School District

CC:

Educational Networks, Inc.
EDLINK12 Telecommunications Network
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Enclosures:

Penelope_FY14_Item21_799090 (1)

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Appeal Support

Appeal support assists applicants in recovering any applications that may have been rejected by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) in error. Our support covers all the research necessary to determine the facts of the situation and gathering all necessary documentation. We will prepare and return the formal appeal paperwork to the district to submit the appeal request to the proper authorities- whether it be USAC or the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Support Term

The term of our services begins as soon as the proposal is signed and will continue until the appeal is written and returned to the district.

Pricing and Service Schedule

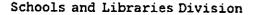
ESC Region 12 E-Rate Consulting is committed to providing best-in-class service and support for your district. This proposal is valid for 30 days from the date received. We will invoice your district in full within 30 days of receiving an executed pricing agreement (this document) and is to be paid to ESC12E-Rate within 30 days of receipt. Failure by the Applicant to do so may result in an interruption or possible termination of support by ESC12E-Rate.

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Agreed to by Sear Knieg on 4-13, 2012.

Printed Name Date





FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER (Funding Year 2011: 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2012)

February 21, 2012

Traci Pustejovsky PENELOPE INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT 309 AVE D

PO BOX 68

PENELOPE, TX 76676

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 799090 Billed Entity Number (BEN): 141128 Billed Entity FCC RN: 0074167240 Applicant's Form Identifier: BCS1

Thank you for your Funding Year 2011 application for Universal Service Support and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. The current status of the funding request(s) in the Form 471 application cited above and featured in the Funding Commitment Report(s) (Report) at the end of this letter is as follows.

rue: April 21

- The amount, \$28,731.46 is "Denied."

Please refer to the Report following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can begin for implementing your approved discount(s) after you file FCC Form 486, Receipt of Service Confirmation Form. A guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report is available in the Reference Area of our website.

NEXT STEPS

- Work with your service provider to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full
- Review technology planning approval requirements
- Review CIPA requirements
- File Form 486
- Invoice USAC using the Form 474 (service provider) or Form 472 (Billed Entity applicant) - as products and services are being délivered and billed

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

You have the option of filing an appeal with the SLD or directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter to USAC, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

- Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
- State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,

 - Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,
 Applicant BEN and Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN),
 Form 471 Application Number 799090 as assigned by USAC,
 - "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2011," AND

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- The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
- 3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.
- 4. If you are the applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are the service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.
- 5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email your appeal to appeals@sl.universalservice.org. USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to USAC by fax, fax your appeal to (973) 599-6542.

To submit your appeal to USAC on paper, send your appeal to:

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OBLIGATION TO PAY NON-DISCOUNT PORTION

Applicants are required to pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the products and/or services to their service provider(s). Service providers are required to bill applicants for the non-discount portion. The FCC stated that requiring applicants to pay their share ensures efficiency and accountability in the program. If USAC is being billed via the FCC Form 474, the service provider must bill the applicant at the same time it bills USAC. If USAC is being billed via the FCC Form 472, the applicant pays the service provider in full (the non-discount plus discount portion) and then seeks reimbursement from USAC. If you are using a trade-in as part of your non-discount portion, please refer to our website for more information.

NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Program. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that USAC and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with all such requirements. USAC may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by USAC, the applicant, or the service provider. USAC, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

Schools and Libraries Division Universal Service Administrative Company

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT Billed Entity Name: PENELOPE INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT

BEN: 141128 Funding Year: 2011

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 799090 Funding Request Number: 2222980

Funding Status: Not Funded

Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 949350000923704

SPIN: 143024184

Service Provider Name: Educational Networks, Inc.

Contract Number: 22820117702

Billing Account Number: N/A Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N Service Start Date: 07/01/2011

Service End Date: N/A

Contract Award Date: 03/24/2011 Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2014

Site Identifier: 88167

Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12 Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$.00 Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$3,600.00

Pre-discount Amount: \$3,600.00

Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Item 21 OOW
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: DR1: This FRN is denied because the Item 21
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FCDL Date: 02/21/2012

Wave Number: 035

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2012

Consultant Name: Beckham Consulting Services Consultant Number (CRN): 16061937

Consultant Employer: Beckham Consulting Services

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT Billed Entity Name: PENELOPE INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT

BEN: 141128 Funding Year: 2011

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 799090 Funding Request Number: 2222991

Funding Status: Not Funded

Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 949350000923704

SPIN: 143020015

Service Provider Name: EDLINK12 Telecommunications Network

Contract Number: 1112-109-914000

Billing Account Number: N/A

Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N

Service Start Date: 07/01/2011

Service End Date: N/A

Contract Award Date: 03/24/2011 Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2012

Site Identifier: 88167

Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12 Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$.00

Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$22,200.00

Pre-discount Amount: \$22,200.00

Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 907 Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Item 21 00W

Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: DR1: This FRN is denied because the Item 21 Attachment was not received on or before the filing deadline. The Item 21 Attachment is an FCC Form 471 Window filing requirement. You failed to provide sufficient documentation demonstrating the Item 21 Attachment was submitted timely. FCC Forms 471 with Item 21 Attachments that met the FCC Form 471 Window requirements have funding priority over applications received after the filing deadline. Given that funding demand for FCC Forms 471 filed within the window exceeds the amount available

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Consultant Employer: Beckham Consulting Services & AKA - John Slaughter

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT Billed Entity Name: PENELOPE INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT BEN: 141128

Funding Year: 2011

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 799090 Funding Request Number: 2223022 Funding Status: Not Funded

Category of Service: Telecommunications Service Form 470 Application Number: 949350000923704

SPIN: 143000677

Service Provider Name: Verizon Wireless

Contract Number: T

Billing Account Number: 413449896-00001 Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N

Service Start Date: 07/01/2011 Service End Date: 06/30/2012 Contract Award Date: N/A Contract Expiration Date: N/A Site Identifier: 88167

Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12 Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$1,616.28 Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00

Pre-discount Amount: \$1,616.28

Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Item 21 00W
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: DR1: This FRN is denied because the Item 21
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FCDL Date: 02/21/2012 Wave-Number:-035-

Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2012

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Consultant Name: Beckham Consulting Services Consultant Number (CRN): 16061937

Consultant Employer: Beckham Consulting Services



FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT Billed Entity Name: PENELOPE INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT

BEN: 141128 Funding Year: 2011

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 799090 Funding Request Number: 2223032

Funding Status: Not Funded

Category of Service: Telecommunications Service Form 470 Application Number: 949350000923704

SPIN: 143030766

Service Provider Name: Windstream Communications, Inc.

Contract Number: T Billing Account Number: 125017624 Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N Service Start Date: 07/01/2011 Service End Date: 06/30/2012 Contract Award Date: N/A Contract Expiration Date: N/A

Site Identifier: 88167

Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12 Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$1,449.72 Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00

Pre-discount Amount: \$1,449.72

Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Item 21 00W
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: DR1: This FRN is denied because the Item 21
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Consultant Name: Beckham Consulting Services Consultant Number (CRN): 16061937

Consultant Employer: Beckham Consulting Services

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT Billed Entity Name: PENELOPE INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT BEN: 141128

Funding Year: 2011

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Form 471 Application Number: 799090 Funding Request Number: 2223047 Funding Status: Not Funded

Category of Service: Telecommunications Service Form 470 Application Number: 949350000923704 SPIN: 143001192

Service Provider Name: AT&T Corp.

Contract Number: T

Billing Account Number: 287016468193 Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N Service Start Date: 07/01/2011 Service End Date: 06/30/2012 Contract Award Date: N/A Contract Expiration Date: N/A

Site Identifier: 88167

Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12 Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$3,057.84 Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00

Pre-discount Amount: \$3,057.84

Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 90%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Item 21 00W
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BEN: 141128

FRN: 2222980

Service Provider: Educational Networks, Inc.

SPIN: 143024184

Attachment Number:

Narrative description: Web hosting service for district website

-	Product or Service Description	Total Unit Cost	Extended Pre- discount Cost			d Ineligible Pre- count Cost	Additional Fees	Average Monthly Charges
Quantity			Eligible Recurring	Eligible Non- Recurring	Ineligible Recurring Cost	Ineligible Non- recurring cost	· Average Tax/Fees/ Surcharges	
1	Web Hosting	\$3,600		\$3,600	\$792			\$2,808
Yearly total		\$3,600		\$3,600	\$792			\$2,808

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BEN: 141128

FRN: 2222991

Service Provider: EDLINK12 Telecommunications Network

SPIN: 143020015

Attachment Number: 2

Narrative description: Internet Access

	Product or Service Description	Total Unit Cost	Extended Pre- discount Cost			d Ineligible Pre- count Cost	Additional Fees	Average Monthly Charges
Quantity _.			Eligible Recurring	Eligible Non- Recurring	Ineligible Recurring Cost	Ineligible Non- recurring cost	Average Tax/Fees/ Surcharges	
10 MB	Broadband Internet Access	\$22,200		\$22,200	· · ·			\$22,200
Yearly total		\$22,200		\$22,200	· · · ·	·		\$22,200

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Applicant Name: Penelope Independent School District

BEN: 141128

FRN: 2223022

Service Provider: Verizon Wireless

SPIN: 143000677

Attachment Number: 3

Narrative description: Cellular Service

Quantity	Product or Service Description	Total Unit Cost	Extended Pre- discount Cost		Extended Ineligible · Pre-discount Cost		Additional Fees	Average Monthly Charges
			Eligible Recurring	Eligible Non- Recurring	Ineligible Recurring Cost	Ineligible Non- recurring cost	Average Tax/Fees/ Surcharges	
1 .	Cellular Phone Service	\$1 ,616.28	\$134.69	,				\$134.69
Yearly total	· ·	\$1,616.28		@ .				\$1,616.28

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Applicant Name: Penelope Independent School District

BEN: 141128

FRN: 2222980

Service Provider: Windstream Communications

SPIN: 143030766

Attachment Number: 4

Narrative description: Local and Long Distance Phone

	•	r	Extended Pre- discount Cost		Extended Ineligible Pre-discount Cost		Additional Fees	Average Monthly Charges
Quantity	Product or Service antity Description	Total Unit	Eligible Recurring	Eligible Non- Recurring	Ineligible Recurring Cost	Ineligible Non- recurring cost	Average Tax/Fees/ Surcharges	
1	Local and Long Distance Phone Service	\$1,449.72	, \$120.81 .				•	\$120.81 :
		·	. !	·			:	
Yea rly	:	\$1,449.72	\$120.81					\$1,449.72
total							-	

471 Application Number: 799090

Applicant Name: Penelope Independent School District

BEN: 141128

FRN: 2223047

Service Provider: AT&T Corp.

SPIN: 143001192

Attachment Number: 6

Narrative description: Telecommunications Service

Quantity	Product or Service Description	Total Unit Cost	Extended Pre- discount Cost		Extended ineligible Pre-discount Cost		Additional Fees	Average Monthly Charges	•
			Eligible Recurring	Eligible Non- Recurring	Ineligible Recurring Cost	Ineligible Non- recurring cost	Average Tax/Fees/ Surcharges		4
1	Cellular Service	3057.84	254.82	· .		(254.82	
Yearly total		\$3,057.84						\$3,057. 84	

Ashley Brown

From: David LeNard <dlenard@usac.org>

Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2011 11:34 AM

To: Ashley Brown; Cathey George

Cc: Ginnie Harwood; dbarret@sl.universalservice.org

Subject: RE: Inquiry 22-284046 RE: Penelope_FY14_471_Application_Issues BEN 141128

Ashley,

Thank you for checking in for clarification.

The applications are currently in the queue for review. Where in the reviewer's pile it is I'm not sure. I've sent a request to have the review expedited.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at ombudsman@usac.org.

Sincerely, Dave LeNard

David LeNard
Program Manager, Ombudsman
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036
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202-776-0080 Fax
ombudsman@usac.org
www.usac.org

From: Ashley Brown [mailto:abrown@esc12.net] **Sent:** Wednesday, November 02, 2011 5:06 PM

To: David LeNard; Cathey George

Cc: Ginnie Harwood; dbarret@sl.universalservice.org

Subject: RE: Inquiry 22-284046 RE: Penelope_FY14_471_Application_Issues BEN 141128

Mr. LeNard,

Hello my name is Ashley Brown and I am the new consultant for Penelope ISD. I am sorry to bother you but I would like some clarification if that would be possible. Donna from PIA called me and stated that they would put the item 21 attachments with the applications but that they would still sit in a pile on hold until they are told of a process in which to handle the cases that were not submitted by the deadline. I for some reason took something different from your email (probably due to excitement). Do we just need to wait and see if they are going to deny these applications or have you learned of any other options for me to pursue. Thank you for your time and consideration with this request.

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Cc: Ashley Brown; Ginnie Harwood

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If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at ombudsman@usac.org.

Sincerely, Dave LeNard

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Attachments: Penelope_FY14_Item21_799090 (1).pdf; Penelope_FY14_Item21_821217 (1) (1).pdf;

Penelope_FY15_Signed LOA (1).pdf

Hello this is a request to have LOA and Item 21 attachments sent in for Penelope ISD applications 799090 & 821217. Please see attached and if you have any questions please call me. Thank you for your attention to this request.

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